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WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M A PACKRAT. A MAN PICKS UP A LOT OF CHACHKAS IN 50,000 YEARS: CAN'T SEEM TO THROW ANYTHING AWAY.

IS THAT REALLY CLEOPATRA?

SOME OF HER. SO... THE LOCUS GROUP REQUESTS THE HELP OF VANDAL SAVAGE?

WE'RE WORKING TOWARDS SIMILAR ENDS. NEITHER OF US WANTS TO SEE THE FUTURE MUDDIED WITH A RESURGENCE OF SUPER-HEROES...

DAILY PLANET
JUSTICE SOCIETY FORCED INTO RETIREMENT

...WHICH IS WHY I SHUT DOWN THE JSA A GENERATION AGO WITH A FEW WELL-PLACED SENATORS.

I'D HOPED THAT THAT WOULD KEEP SUPER-HEROES FROM RESURGING ANYTIME SOON--

--BUT IF MY LONG LIFE HAS TAUGHT ME ANYTHING, IT'S THAT EVENTS MOVE IN CYCLES. HEROES ARE RETURNING WITH A VENGEANCE.

DAILY PLANET
WORLD'S GREATEST

THERE'S SUPERMAN AND BATMAN, OF COURSE, AND I'VE HEARD OTHER REPORTS. THERE'S A GREEN ARROW IN STAR CITY, THERE'S TALK OF AN ATOM.

THIS MAY WELL BE THE BEGINNING OF A HEROIC RENAISSANCE...

...THAT I WILL NOT ALLOW. THESE UPSTARTS MUST BE WIPED OUT BEFORE THEY HOPE TO RISE TO POWER.

THEY ARE NOT WELCOME IN MY ERA!

YOU ALREADY HAVE A PLAN, THEN, I TAKE IT?

I HAVE INDEED PUT FOUR CHESS PIECES INTO MOTION...

...ALL KINGS.

"THE BRITISH SOLOMON GRUNDY WILL OBEY MY COMMANDS. HE REQUIRES LITTLE IN THE WAY OF MANIPULATION. NOT SO WITH THE OTHERS... BUT I CAN PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR ALL OF THEM SHOULD THEY SUCCEED.

"ECLIPSO LUSTS FOR MORE OF THE BLACK DIAMONDS WHICH FOCUS HIS POWERS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS.

"THORN LONGS TO BE CURED OF THE SPLIT PERSONALITY THAT TOO OFTEN KEEPS HER DOCILE.

"CLAYFACE REQUIRES FURTHER ALCHEMICAL SERUMS TO MAINTAIN HIS SHAPE-CHANGING ABILITIES. I HAVE OFFERED ALL OF THESE THINGS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SERVICES."

WITH THE PUSH OF A BUTTON, THEN I TELEPORT THEM AWAY...

...AND INTO A BATTLE FOR A NEW AGE...!!

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Mā T hav ā pēs uv ap'ˈl pī?

OKAY. THAT'S NOT SO BAD. WHAT'S NEXT...?

kär. ALL RIGHT, I'VE *BEEN* IN A kär. kär.

Dad pärks hiz kär 'n tha drīv'wā'.

WAIT. WHY DOESN'T DAD *DRĪV* hiz kär 'n tha drīv'wā'?

GHAAA! FOR THE LOVE OF ATLANTIS, HOW DOES *ANYBODY* KNOW WHAT *ANY* OF THESE WORDS MEAN?

LEARN *GERMAN* FIRST. IT'S MORE *LOGICAL*.

THAT'S WHAT *I* DID.

MANHUNTER.

AQUAMAN. THANK YOU FOR MEETING ME *EARLY*.

MY *PLEASURE*. IS SOMETHING *WRONG*?

ONLY ON AN *EMOTIONAL* LEVEL. I SENSED SOME FRUSTRATION ON YOUR PART AS TO THE *INLAND NATURE* OF OUR *MEETING FACILITY*.

THAT'S...*TRUE*. I AM, BY NATURE, *EMPATHIC*... APPARENTLY, *UNUSUALLY* SO. YOU ARE, AS *WELL*? A MARTIAN *ABILITY*?

ONE OF *MANY*...

...INCLUDING *FLIGHT*. ALLOW ME TO EASE YOUR *TRANSPORTATION* THROUGH THE CITY.

MY...

...MY PLEASURE...?

THAT'S GOTHAM CITY.

EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE IN SUCH A LIMITED SPACE. I FIND THAT AMAZING.

AND HORRIFYING.

BY THE WAY... WE'RE AWFULLY FAR UP, AREN'T WE...?

THERE YOU ARE! SAY AQUAMAN, THAT DOESN'T LOOK TOO COMFORTABLE. I COULD RING YOU UP A FLYING SURFBOARD...

HELLO, GREEN LANTERN.

WOULDN'T THAT LOOK A BIT ODD?

SUIT YOURSELF. MANHUNTER, DO YOU REMEMBER THE EXACT ADDRESS CANARY MENTIONED?

FOLLOW FLASH. HE SEEMS TO BE RUNNING RIGHT TO IT.

SO WHERE'S BLACK CANARY? SHE SAID SHE'D TAKE CARE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS... SET UP A LITTLE OUT-OF-THE-WAY PLACE.

I WAS HOPING FOR A LITTLE PRIVATE CHAT WITH HER...IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN...

WHEW. FINALLY. I NEVER BELIEVED I'D THINK THIS...

...BUT THANK GOD FOR DRY LAND.

SHE'S THIS WAY, ROMEO...

...BUT I WOULDN'T COUNT ON TOO MUCH PRIVACY!

WHAT THE--?

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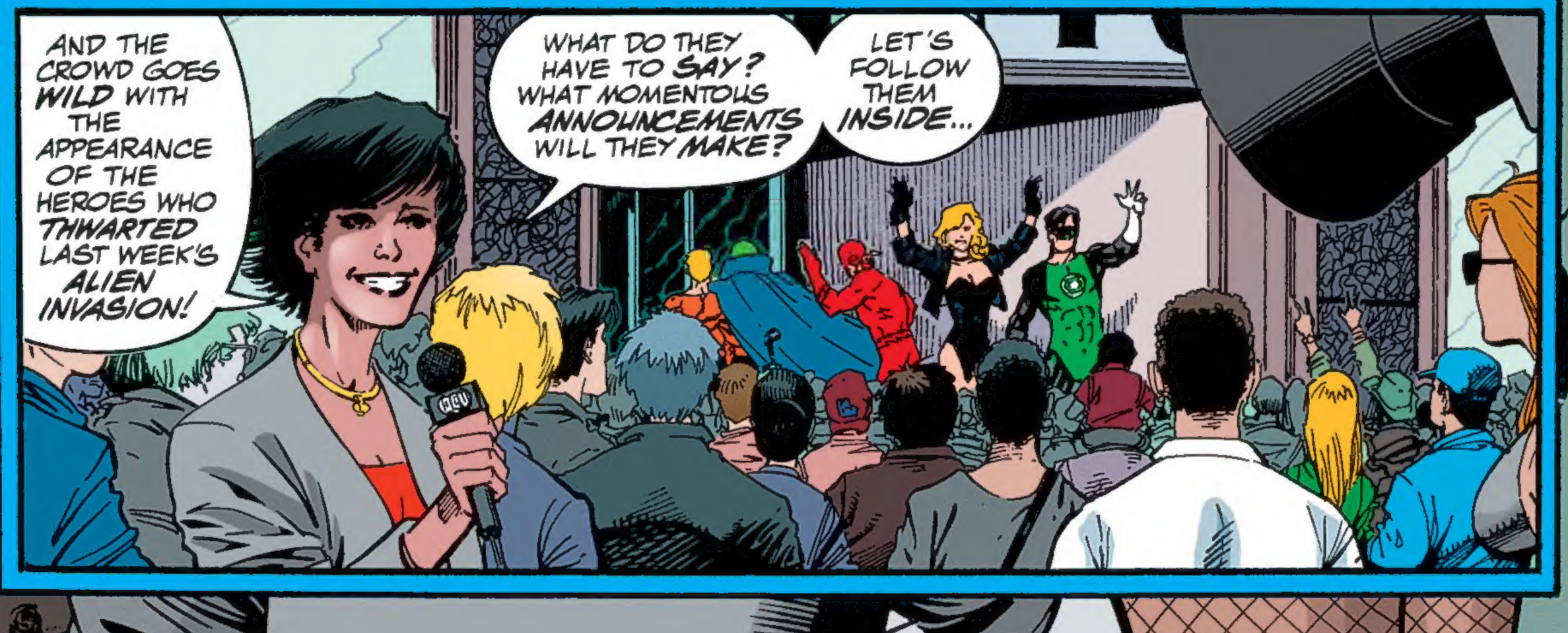
AND THE CROWD GOES WILD WITH THE APPEARANCE OF THE HEROES WHO THWARTED LAST WEEK'S ALIEN INVASION!
WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO SAY? WHAT MOMENTOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL THEY MAKE?
LET'S FOLLOW THEM INSIDE...
QCV

LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. AS SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY GUESSED, I CHOSE THIS HOTEL BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORY...

...AS THE MEETING SITE OF THE FABLED JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

OH.

TERRIFIC.

SHOULDN'T WE HAVE DISCUSSED THAT?

ONE WOULD THINK. WHAT'S SHE UP TO...?

ANY QUESTIONS? YOU!

YOU FIVE SEEM TO SYMBOLIZE A NEW HEROIC DAWN.

WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF--

WHAT ABOUT SOME OF THE OLDER HEROES, SUCH AS THE BLACKHAWKS OR THE SEA DEVILS? WHAT IS THEIR PLACE IN THIS NEW AGE?

UMMM... I DON'T...

I'M SURE THAT SEA DEVIL IS A FINE MAN...

SEA DEVILS IS A TEAM!

Hm

WILL AQUAMAN PLEASE SPEAK UP? HE'S MUMBLING!

SORRY. STILL GETTING USED TO THE WAY SOUND CARRIES ABOVE WATER. ANYWAY...

...THAT IS... TO SAY...

POOR GUY. SO UNCOMFORTABLE. HE'S A REGULAR DR. MID-NITE IN FRONT OF A CROWD.

AGAIN, A JSA REFERENCE. YOU LOVE THOSE OLDER HEROES.

FRANKLY, I PREFER YOUNGER HEROES EVEN MORE.

YOU SAY YOU'RE POWERLESS AGAINST YELLOW. DOES THAT EXTEND TO BLONDES, AS WELL?

AS A MATTER OF FACT...

...THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS PRESS CONFERENCE?

CANARY, YOU WANT TO ANSWER? CANARY...?

I'M AFRAID I... DIDN'T COME PREPARED FOR... QUESTIONING... I...

...I'M NOT THE FASTEST WIT ALIVE...

LAUGH. PLEASE LAUGH.

'SCUSE ME WHILE I SPIN THIS A LITTLE BIT...

...I MEAN...WE'VE TALKED ABOUT GETTING... TOGETHER, YOU KNOW, AND...

I THINK WHAT MY FRIEND HERE IS TRYING TO SAY--

--IS THAT WE'RE BANDING TOGETHER AS A GROUP--

--COMBINING OUR POWER TO BATTLE THREATS TOO LARGE FOR ANY ONE HERO--EVEN SUPERMAN.

THANK YOU.

DO YOU HAVE A TEAM NAME, THEN?

ARE YOU, AS SOME SUSPECT, ANNOUNCING YOURSELVES AS THE NEW JSA?

I LIKE THE WORD "JUSTICE," BUT...

PERHAPS SOMETHING WITH MORE PUNCH... "JUSTICE...LEAGUE"...?

OF AMERICA!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--MEET THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!

HOORAY!

YAY!

PRESS

BRAVO!

OH, GREAT. THINK THEY'LL BE MAD WE STOLE THEIR NAME?

I DON'T WANT TO KNOW. MAYBE WE'LL GET LUCKY AND THEY'LL BLAME THE BLONDE.

ANY OTHERS.

TALKED TO BATMAN

YOU MENTIONED SUPERMAN.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY HIRING.

ARE YOU HEADQUARTERED

OPERATE IN OTHER NATIONS BESIDES.

PLEASE! PLEASE! ONE AT A TIME!

LOIS LANE, DAILY PLANET! GREEN LANTERN, WHAT HOLDS YOU FIVE TOGETHER?

THE AIR FORCE REPORTS SOMETHING ABOUT A CRIMINAL GROUP NAMED LOCUS...?

LOCUS SEEMS TO BE A GENUINE THREAT, MS. LANE. WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THEM...

AS TO WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER...I'D HAVE TO SAY SPANDEX.

HAHAHAHA!

NEXT? THE REDHEAD?

VICKI VALE, GOTHAM GAZETTE! GREEN LANTERN, AS ALL GOTHAMITES KNOW, THE WORLD'S A MUCH DARKER PLACE THAN WHEN THE JSA WAS AROUND.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS NEW LEAGUE CAN CONQUER TODAY'S PROBLEMS?

IN MY EXPERIENCE, MS. VALE, POWER AND COURAGE GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS--

--AND WHAT'S YOUR ROLE IN DEALING WITH SOCIOLOGICAL CHALLENGES?

WE HAVEN'T REALLY TALKED ABOUT--

BY INCORPORATING "AMERICA" INTO YOUR NAME, ARE YOU ADVOCATING NATIONALISM?

IF ASKED, WILL YOU PLACE AMERICA'S INTERESTS ABOVE THOSE OF OTHER

WHAT, IF ANY ARE YOUR TIES TO THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION?

HOW DOES YOUR EXISTENCE AFFECT THE BALANCE OF WORLD POWER?

DO YOU ADVOCATE ANY POLITICAL AFFILIATION?

CONNECTED TO U.N.

HOW DOES A MARTIAN FIGURE INTO

MS. CANARY, ARE YOU THE YOUNGEST

ADDRESS THE PLIGHT OF THIRD WORLD

TAKE A STANCE ON THE ARMS RACE

FAAAAASH

GRRAAAWWR!

YOU PARASITES WANT *NEWS*? HERE'S A HEADLINE FOR YA!

"DOZENS KILLED F'R ASKIN' STUPID FRIGGIN' QUESTIONS!"

KRAK

SKNK

HOLY--!

GOOD THING THERE'S LOTS OF INNOCENT *BYSTANDERS* AROUND.

YOU'RE BLAMING *ME*? WHO *ARE* THESE GUYS?

NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE.

LET'S GO!

MY PLAN, TOO!

HAUL IT! HAUL IT!

OH MY GOD--!

I'VE READ ABOUT YOU, UGLY!

SOLOMON GRUNDY, BORN ON MONDAY--

GHAAAR!

--BUT I PROMISE YOU--

--BEATEN ON TUESDAY!

I WORK WITH PLANTS, TOO. NICE TRICK, THE VINES.

WON'T SAVE YOU.

=HNNNF!=

I'VE GOT THIS ONE BLOCKED! WHAT ABOUT YOUR GUY?

HE'S A WALKING MUDSLIDE! WE CAN'T GET A GRIP!

WHOA! IF LANE IS STAYING, SO ARE WE! NO WAY DOES SHE GET AN EXCLUSIVE!

WHAT?

AAAARRRHH!

RED MAN IS FAST... BUT HE STAYS TOO CLOSE TO GRUNDY!

WHAM!

FLASH!

RELAX. REFLEXES CUSHIONED MOST OF THE IMPACT.

STILL, FOR GRUNDY, I RECOMMEND A HANDS-OFF APPROACH--

--WHICH IS WHERE YOU COME IN! CAN YOU NAIL HIM WITH YOUR SONIC SCREAM?

I... I'VE NEVER USED IT ON A HUMAN BEING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'LL DO TO HIM....!

HE'S NOT HUMAN. HE'S A CREATURE. FIND OUT. AND HURRY!

--BROADCASTING LIVE ON A WORLD-WIDE SATELLITE FEED FROM THE GOTHAM HOTEL--

--WHERE THE NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE HAS ENGAGED IN ITS FIRST--AND QUITE POSSIBLY LAST--BATTLE!

AS PREDICTED, BLACK CANARY HAS UNLEASHED HER SONIC POWERS ON THE SWAMP BRUTE, AND--

--WAIT--WAIT! THOUGH THE CREATURE IS CLEARLY IN PAIN--HE CONTINUES TO LUMBER TOWARDS HIS FOE!

MEANWHILE, GREEN LANTERN AND ECLIPSO APPEAR TO HAVE REACHED A STALEMATE--

--BUT NO! GREEN LANTERN DELIVERS A SURPRISE PUNCH, CAUSING ECLIPSO TO DROP HIS ATTACK!

LANTERN'S TURNING, CHECKING ON HIS TEAMMATES--BUT ECLIPSO'S NOT AS STUNNED AS HE APPEARS TO BE!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! THEY'RE THE GOOD GUYS! THEY'RE LOSING...?

BEHIND LANTERN'S BACK, HE'S TURNING--HE'S RAISING HIS GEM TO HIS OTHER EYE, AND--

NNNGH!

WHUFFF!

RING US OUT OF HERE! NOW!

CAN'T... CAN'T FOCUS...

GHAAAARHHH!

THWOOM

YOU TWO OKAY?

FORGET ABOUT US! FIND THORN BEFORE SHE--

?

BLUE BLAZES! I WAS STEAMED THOSE GUYS DIDN'T PICK ME F'R THEIR LITTLE HERO CLUB--

--BUT I GUESS I WAS LUCKY! THEY'RE GETTING CREAMED!

CURSE YOU, METAMORPHO!

YOU'RE OUTMATCHED, GREENIE!

SPLOK!

WANNA SEE SOMETHING REALLY SCARY?

I TRANSFORM! I CAN TURN INTO ANYTHING!

I CAN BECOME YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE!

MY. HOW FRIGHTENING.

TRY THIS ONE.

IT'S FROM MARS.

EYAAAGH!

WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW MANHUNTER COULD DO THAT--

CHUD!

--AND AS THE CHAOS MOUNTS, HOPE DWINDLES!

UNORGANIZED, DISORIENTED, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IS UNABLE TO TURN THE TIDE!

IF THEY DO INDEED REPRESENT A NEW AGE OF HEROISM--THEN IT MAY WELL BE OVER BEFORE IT HAS EVEN BEGUN!

THERE! THE MARTIAN'S BEEN BLINDED!

I HAVE THE OTHERS!

THEN GRUNDY SMASH!

THAT IDIOT! WHAT'S HE DOING! STOP HIM!

HOW?

GRUNDY KILL THEM ALL!

AND I THOUGHT I WAS A HOT SHOT! I'VE BEEN THE ATOM MAYBE, WHAT? A WEEK?

I'M GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE TRAINING IF I WANT TO HOLD MY OWN AGAINST CREEPS LIKE THOSE...!

WAIT! THERE SEEMS TO BE A NEW CONFLICT BREWING--

--AND IT NO LONGER INVOLVES THE HEROES--?

GRUNDY, YOU MORON! YOU'RE BUSTIN' 'EM LOOSE! LAY OFF, BEFORE I--

AAAARR! NO OWE TELLS GRUNDY WHAT TO DO, MUDMAN!

UNTIL NOW, YOU FOOL!

DON'T THINK YOU'RE NOT EXPENDABLE, YOU CRETINOUS--

AMAZING. THEY'VE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON US--?

THAT WAS OUR GOAL. FLASH AND I FIGURED THEY'D BREAK RANKS IF WE ENCOURAGED GRUNDY TO GO BERSERK.

THE THORN TRAP WAS NO THREAT. IT GAVE US A CHANCE TO REGROUP.

NOW WE PRESS OUR ADVANTAGE. WE'VE GOT ONE THING GOING FOR US THAT THE VILLAINS DON'T.

WHICH IS?

WE'RE A TEAM.

THESE PIPES...THEY CARRY WATER?

LOOKS LIKE.

SKREE

UNKK

GOOD. THAT, I CAN WORK WITH.

FWAAASH!

GHAAAH!

'SCUSE ME... HAVE YOU SEEN A BLACK DIAMOND?

AH. THERE IT IS.

GIVE ME THAT.

TAKE IT. IT WON'T DO HIM MUCH GOOD NOW.

NOT IF HE CAN'T FIRE EYEBEAMS THROUGH IT. NICE.

NO! OUR KIND WILL NOT BE DEFEATED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!

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ACTUALLY... YOU WILL...

...TIME AND AGAIN IN THE YEARS TO COME.

TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS...

...THAT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IS HERE TO STAY!

RROOAAARRGHH!

WE HAVE HIM IN THE ROPES!

ON THE ROPES. NOW THAT YOU'VE SOFTENED HIM UP, ALLOW ME TO BAKE HIM SOLID--

--WITH A BURST OF LASER VISION!

UH-OH! HEY, GUYS? GRUNDY'S GOT HIS ATTENTION SPAN BACK--

RRRWARRWRR!

KKKKKKKK

--AND HE'S BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE!

THE BIG ONE-- WHAT'S HE DOING?

HE'LL KILL US ALL!

I'LL GET THE BYSTANDERS. CAN YOU PULL OUR TEAM OUT?

LET'S HOPE.

GO. GO!

KKKKKRASSCHOOM

NO! LANTERN? LANTERN, ARE YOU--?

THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, RED?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-- THEY MADE IT!

YES!

...CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THE VILLAINS BEFORE THE ROOM COLLAPSED. THEY TELEPORTED AWAY AS ABRUPTLY AS THEY ARRIVED...

...BUT THEY DID NOT LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT.

TOO BAD. I COULDN'T STOP THEM AND SAVE THE OTHERS AT THE SAME TIME. MAYBE WITH PRACTICE...

BORROW YOUR SHOULDER? I NEED TO ADJUST MY BOOT.

I'M NOT SURPRISED. WHY DO YOU FIGHT IN THOSE, ANYWAY?

YOU REALLY OUGHT TO RETHINK YOUR COSTUME SOME. HEELS ARE AN AWFULLY IMPRACTICAL PART OF A BATTLE SUIT.

YOU DON'T SAY.

LET'S GO MEET OUR PUBLIC, PEOPLE. READY?

ALWAYS.

ENJOY THEIR *CHEERS*, MY FRIENDS... BUT DO NOT *FORGET* WHAT WE HAVE JUST *BEEN* THROUGH.

THIS WASN'T SIMPLY A MATTER OF STOPPING A *CRIME*.

MANHUNTER'S *RIGHT*. I'M USED TO FIGHTING *BANK ROBBERS*. THIS WAS *DIFFERENT*. WE WERE *TARGETED*.

SOMEONE ACTUALLY WANTS US *DEAD*. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE *PLAYED* FOR *THOSE* STAKES.

IS THAT THE WORLD WE'RE *IN* NOW? AM I WRONG TO BE A LITTLE *NERVOUS*?

WHY SHOULD YOU BE DIFFERENT FROM THE *REST* OF US?

OKAY. SOMEONE'S *AFTER* US. LOCUS...OR SOMEONE *ELSE*, EVEN. WHAT DOES THAT *TELL* US?

THAT WE'RE DOING SOMETHING *RIGHT*.

HUH. YOU REALLY *ARE* FEARLESS...!

SOME *BRAWL*. HOW'DYA THINK THEY *HANDLED* THEMSELVES, ALAN?

I LIKED WHAT I *SAW*. YOU?

I RECKON. 'COURSE, THAT WASN'T NOTHIN' THE *JSA* COULDN'TA HANDLED BACK IN OUR PRIME.

ALL IN ALL, AFTER TODAY, I'D SAY THAT *WILDCAT* AND THE ORIGINAL *GREEN LANTERN* CAN STAY *RETIRED* IN GOOD CONSCIENCE.

THOSE DAYS ARE A *LONG TIME GONE*, TED. ADMIT IT. IT FEELS *GOOD* TO FINALLY PASS THE *TORCH*.

WHAT SAY WE GO SPREAD THE WORD TO THE *REST* OF THE OLD GANG...?

DON'T WORRY, BOYS. THEY'RE NO *CHALLENGERS*. WE'RE STILL IN BUSINESS.

FOR HOW MUCH *LONGER*? THE CHALLS HAVE NEVER HOGGED THE *SPOTLIGHT*, BUT STILL... IT FEELS *STRANGE* TO THINK WE MAY EVENTUALLY BE *FORGOTTEN*...

...OR *UNKNOWN*.

"NEW AGE OF HEROES," MY *BEHIND*! MAYBE WE BLACKHAWKS DON'T FLY AS HIGH AS WE *USED* TA...

...BUT THAT DON'T MEAN WE'RE *COMPLETELY* FOGGED IN, HEY, BOSS?

NOT AT *ALL*, CHUCK. IN FACT, MAYBE THIS IS THE KICK IN THE PANTS WE *NEED*.

MEN... IT'S TIME WE *UPGRADED*...

UNACCEPTABLE.

GOTHAM HI

THEY'VE BEEN HERE LESS THAN AN *HOUR*, AND *ALREADY* THEY'VE BROUGHT *TROUBLE*.

THIS IS *MY CITY*. I HAVE *NO INTEREST* IN SHARING IT WITH A GARISH BAND OF WELL-MEANING *AMATEURS*.

IF THEY BELIEVE THEMSELVES *WELCOME* HERE, THEY ARE SADLY *MISTAKEN*.

LET THEM HAVE THEIR FUN *ELSEWHERE*. AS THEY'LL SOON SEE... I WILL USE *EVERY RESOURCE* AT MY *DISPOSAL* TO KEEP THE "JUSTICE LEAGUE" *OUT* OF *GOTHAM CITY*...

...

WELL... THAT WAS POINTLESS.

NOT COMPLETELY. WE NOW HAVE A BROADER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.

WHAT BECOMES OF YOUR OPERATIVES?

THEY KNOW THE PRICE OF FAILURE. SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU PEOPLE ARE CERTAINLY OF NO USE TO ME.

FROM NOW ON, I WILL PURSUE MY OWN ENDS, THANK YOU. AFTER ALL... I HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.

POOR FOOL. DOESN'T HE KNOW WHAT WE'RE REALLY UP TO?

HE DOES NOW.

JACK RYDER, WHAM-TV! I'M HERE WITH A GROUP OF SHOWBOATERS WHO CALL THEMSELVES "SUPER-HEROES"!

GOTHAM HOTEL-- SHATTERED! BYSTANDERS-- ENDANGERED! CITY-- TRAUMATIZED! WHAT'S SO "SUPER" ABOUT THAT?

SPEAK UP, WATER-BOY! WHAT DO YOU "HEROES" HAVE TO SAY FOR--

--YOURSELVES?

SHRAKK!

I CALL THAT ONE MY ANTI-LOUDMOUTH ARROW.

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS, ALL! GREEN ARROW, AT YOUR SERVICE! NO, NO... NO NEED TO THANK ME. JUST CAME TO WISH YOU WELL.

THIS GUY SAYS HE WANTS TO JAW. ANY OF YOU KNOW HIM?

THEY DO NOT, MR... ARROW, IS IT?

SOON, HOWEVER... THEY WILL HAVE GOOD REASON TO. MY NAME IS SIMON CARR... AND I AM THE FUTURE.

...BRING SUIT AGAINST YOU!

JUST SO LONG AS IT'S NOT THAT ONE. WHO'S YOUR TAILOR? THE JOKER?

I REPRESENT A VERY WEALTHY MAN WHO WANTS TO AID YOUR CAUSE. HE WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS...

...BUT YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE HIS NAME INSTANTLY. HE, LIKE YOURSELVES, IS A BIT OF A... CRUSADER THESE DAYS.

HE HAS APPOINTED ME TO FULFILL YOUR EVERY NEED AS A TEAM.

I'LL NAIL YOU FOR THIS!

NEED A HAMMER? USE YOUR HEAD...

CREEP.

EQUIPMENT, FUNDING, A HEADQUARTERS... THEY'RE YOURS FOR THE ASKING. INTERESTED?

INTRIGUED. GO ON.

MY EMPLOYER HAS ALREADY TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF CONTACTING AN INVENTOR ON YOUR BEHALF.

HE'S LOCATED IN CHICAGO. HE'S YOUNG, BUT HE'S VERY BRIGHT.

NICE TO MEET YOU, PRETTY BIRD. CATCH THE SIZE OF THAT SHAFT, DID YOU?

KEEP IT IN YOUR QUIVER, TRICKSHOT.

JERK.

SCORE.

HE'S EXPECTING YOUR CALL. HERE'S HIS CARD.

TED KORD
KORD INDUSTRIES
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TO BE CONTINUED...